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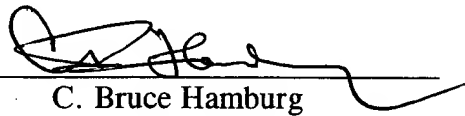
Sir:

In view of the Examiner's holding that recitation of a coated surface's being  
"planar" do not require that the entire surface be coated, the Examiner's attention  
is respectfully directed to the arguments at page 11, line 11 to page 13, line 13 of

the Amendment After Final Rejection, wherein it is pointed out that the presently claimed invention is patentably distinguishable from Marchal even given the Examiner's interpretation of the "planar" limitations in the claims. Please note that those arguments are not inconsistent with the Examiner's position that recitations of a coated surface's being planar do not require that the entire surface be coated.

Respectfully submitted,

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